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Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.]



R. M. S. P.

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ESTABLISHED BY ROYAL CHARTER
DATED 1839.

REGULAR PASSENGER SERVICES

EUROPE — NEW YORK.
EUROPE — SOUTH AMERICA.
EUROPE — PACIFIC COAST.
NEW YORK — BERMUDA.
CANADA — WEST INDIES.

ALSO
YACHTING CRUISES.

Dear Wsopetnie

Not knowing which to
put first in a joint-letter,
I blend the two names -
You see, it is hard to know
whether beauty or ability is
most worth-while - so fight
it out between you - As
this may be my only chance
of correspondence (knowing
Mother!) I'm writing as many
letters as I can get in now.

After thinking I had received
all my mail - I found another
batch & more presents in my
cabin - & have received 4 radios.

I am wondering if it is Xmas,
birthday, my marriage or
funeral as I've received so
many flowers etc - jolly - some
are still on ice & each day some
are brought to table - delicious.

WHO WOULD WORK, I ask you!!

This ship is delightful in every
way - the service excellent & oh
so English - things are called
by their right names & with
the right accent etc (woof woof)

Every man dresses for dinner
like a gentleman !!! In fact
I think the whole passenger
list is English - no German
& no Jews most assuredly.

The table is fine & daintily
served meals - (oh yes, but I
still want to come back to
you!) It is funny though after
10 years to have all English people
around & honestly I do think
I don't 'speak' true English any
longer - because all these people
sounded ultra - so -

There is practically no vibration - & the nights are dead quiet - This is my 8th ship & am experiencing quite the best in the way of well-trained courteous & attentive stewards - & I eat all day!!

So, you see everything in the garden is lovely - & I'd hate to tell you how many pounds of sweets I've already consumed - And also I will impress on you the lack of dining room odours & ship-py smells in general - If you want a good ship take this - I'm jolly glad I have looked on the sister ship coming back -

They dance every night, but little bit let can't strain listening to English waltzes & not being allowed to dance etc - ^{so} SHE GOES TO BED -

Am I not jolly lucky to

to have a cabin to myself.

It must be that no one wants to sleep with me. Fine!!
What luck, I wonder, on the
return trip!

I really don't want to
work anymore in all my
life!!! (That's nothing new,
says Spln!). **P**→ If they can't
get the sea any more
humpy than this, I'm going
to claim my money back.

I didn't pay to come on
a lake or I should have
chartered a canoe!

The Senior wireless operator
& I met with great "surprise"
we've known one another for
years - By the way I've
radi'd to 25 at 4/- a word,
& to 30 at 5/- for 20 words.
Special rates & arrangements
which is quite topping -
Thought I'd relieve their res-
-pective minds - so far have not
had a sea burial -



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Friday - at least
I think it is!

I suppose the news of my
bad riches has got round, or
just my natural charm!!!?
Anyway people have insisted on
becoming acquainted. The "she"
with whom I have become best
acquainted ~~with~~ is the star
actress Emelie Polini - she is
very entertaining - sits at my
table. The doctor to whom I
sit next is Sir D. Sherston - Baker
a baronet - surgeon - As I'm the
only one who gets up for breakfast
he & I have had some interesting
talks. He was 24 years in
India & knows my Cornish
regiment - etc. etc.

We've had plenty of excitement
each day - what with fire
drill, a would-be suicide
"hennis" contest, dancing etc.

Our ship ~~stayed~~ washed 3 1/4 hours
having to stop & lower a boat

to fetch the suitcase thrown
out by the man, before his trying
to jump ash - He was prevented
by two passengers, one of whom
he injured in the face & tore the
trousers of the other - He is now
in solitary confinement until
the end of the trip - I'm so sorry
for the poor soul. I told the doctor
I'd like to go & chat with him
in company. He has since sent
apologies to the Captain for the
trouble he has caused & to the
two passengers he fought - They
thought the suitcase might have
important papers - or possibly was
his idea of hiding his identity -

The doctor tells me that the man
evades all questions. The sea
was smooth - & yet seeing the
hard work those men had in
rowing made me feel it would
be no joke to be in a life boat in
a mighty sea - Horrible - And
it's an uncanny feeling to
be in the middle of the ocean
& not moving forward - it
seemed so dead quiet - So -
we have our amusements, you
see -



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Your respective gifts are
enormously useful -

I don't always feel most
frightfully well - but that
may be (note - I say "may be")
the inevitable let-up from
arduous neurotic work!!

How is Minnie doing? I hope
both of you are well satisfied.

Another meal is due - I must
go - It's terrible to eat so much -

Please give my kindest greet-
ings to Mr. Newell - Excuse
the shortcomings of this letter
but folk will talk to me &
I'm too lazy to move off to an
unpopulated part of the ship -

My love to you both, hoping
rheumatism & queer little
insides are causing no disturbance
As always, Violet

Sunday.

Had a storm last night with
rain, wind & much tossing, &
I slept right through it.
However, today's sea is wonderful
to watch - very few folk out!

June 17, 1925

Dear Miss Earle:

Your letter came this morning and as Mr. Wood is away the heavy responsibility of replying to it has fallen upon my shoulders.

We are doing nicely, thank you. The efficiency of your successor has been so great that Mr. Wood has had to go away for a rest because he had been so busy finding work for Miss Calvin.

Your letter is first class evidence of the entire elimination of any desire to work as you point out, a condition which it is needless for me to insinuate must undergo a radical change before you start on your return voyage. We are finding that work agrees with us and perhaps you will hardly know your associates when you once more set foot on 156th Street.

I had a telephone message from your brother asking if you had cabled and telling me of the death of your brother-in-law last week, of which you have probably received word before this.

We are getting along famously. The Council meeting went off alright and Mr. Newell's being back makes a great difference when it comes to accomplishing results. Mr. Reilly has sailed and Wood is away for his twenty-fifth class reunion at Brown.

The medals which were on exhibition have all been packed and sent. Now it will be Mr. Wood's job to substitute something else for them.

Perhaps on your return voyage you will have a storm to make up for the one which you complain about not getting on the way over. It is risky to tempt Providence in such fashion.

There have been almost no letters for you except for what looks to be a dividend check from the Southern California Edison Company.

With cordial greetings to your brother and your mother as well as to yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours

Secretary